

Subject: Vending in parks
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Council District 13 Mitch O'Farrell

Friends:

I co-introduced a motion this week to remove the misdemeanor section in LAMC 63.44. We instructed departments to report on a process where sales and services in City-owned parks are legal, regulated, and enforceable. Because of the misdemeanor section, some who sell on our streets and parks could become vulnerable to deportation just for doing their best to make a living.

We will devise a system that: provides a legal permit for these entrepreneurs; includes the number of sellers in a geographic area; determines what, where, and how products can be sold, and; creates an enforceable permitting system with penalty consequences for those who violate the ordinance *without* any possibility of deportation for those who may be undocumented.

Regulating sales on public property is a complex issue. Two years ago, I held hearings on this topic and my committee is still waiting for a report back from various departments. No one in Los Angeles should live in fear of deportation for trying to make a living when they have so few options otherwise, nor should our parks become open retail markets at the expense of providing passive and active recreation for the city's residents, which is the intended use per our Charter. I am confident we can, and will, develop a policy that strikes a balance while bringing what is now an underground economy out of the shadows.

[Here is a link to the motion we introduced](#), and below you will find a link to an interview I did with KPCC. If you have any questions on this topic, please contact my Legislative Director David Giron at david.giron@lacity.org.

Kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

COMING UP

SAT 10/21 [MUSIC BOX STEPS DAY](#)

FRI 10/27 [JENSEN RECREATION CENTER SIGN LIGHTING EVENT](#)

SAT 10/28 [FREE MOVIE AT THE LAKE: MARS ATTACKS!](#)

HEADLINES

O'Farrell, Huizar move to protect vendors in parks [[KPCC](#)]

Emerson College: A new Hollywood landmark [[ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD](#)]

Hollywood Western Streetscape [[LA CITYVIEW](#)]

Section 8 application period begins Oct 16 [[CITY OF LA](#)]

TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ECHO PARK - The CD13 Clean Team came across this burned shopping cart on Glendale Avenue, between Aaron and Allesandro Streets, and went right to work cleaning up the debris. The Clean Team services every neighborhood in the district,

five days a week. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in the District Office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

LOS ANGELES - Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell participated in events across the City to acknowledge and celebrate the recent vote by the LA City Council to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

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FITNESS CHALLENGE

SILVER LAKE — Olympic Gold medalist Nastia Liukin joined Councilmember O'Farrell to kick off the Fourth Annual Fitness Challenge, an event which serves to promote healthy and active lifestyles in the 13th Council District (CD13). O'Farrell brought together several organizations for the event, including the City's Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), The Klub Gymnastics, YogaWorks, and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In addition, The Good Greek Grill provided a nutritious lunch for the students, highlighting O'Farrell's work with RAP on a citywide Good Food Policy.

[PHOTOS](#)

VIDEO: X DAY IN LOS ANGELES

CITY HALL – Councilmember O'Farrell and his colleagues shined the Council spotlight on X, the most critically lauded Los Angeles-based punk band, during a special presentation to commemorate their 40th anniversary.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

ECHO PARK - The Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Department of Transportation recently finished the installation of our first bike share in the 13th Council District. The station is located at Echo Park and Park Avenues.

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